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SUBJECT: PRESS HEADLINES KNESSET APPROVAL TO REMOVE
- SINAI SETTLEMENTS

SUMMARY. BANNER STORY IN ALL PAPERS IS KNESSET VOTE
IN FAVOR OF REMOVING SINAI SETTLEMENTS. HEADLINES PRO-
CLAIM THIS ACTION ENDS 30 YEARS OF WAR IN MIDDLE EAST.
SADAT WILL SPEAK ON CAMP DAVID ACCORDS TO SPECIAL SESSION
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OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY ON OCTOBER 2. DEPUTY PM TUHAMY, ON
HIS RETURN FROM SEEING KING KHALID IN GENEVA, SAYS THAT
KHALID EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HIS EXPLANATION AND
AGREED THAT SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT SHOULD CONTINUE
CONTACTS. IN PIECE WRITTEN BEFORE VOTE, AHRAH COMMENTS
THAT KNESSET APPROVAL MEANS ISRAELIS WILL HAVE CHOSEN
PEACE OVER LAND AND THAT SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS CAN BEGIN.

AHRAM EDITORIAL ALSO NOTES CAMP DAVID ACCORDS HAVE OBTAINED EXPLICIT RECOGNITION OF LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AND URGES PALESTINIANS TO JOIN NEGOTIATIONS.
END SUMMARY.

1. BANNER HEADLINES IN THREE PAPERS SEPTEMBER 28
HERALD KNESSET'S VOTE TO REMOVE SINAI SETTLEMENTS AFTER
16 HOURS OF DEBATE. DECISION OF KNESSET DESCRIBED AS
END OF 30 YEARS OF WAR. AHRAM CARRIES PICTURE OF
ISRAELI SETTLERS WHO GATHERED BEFORE KNESSET TO AWAIT
OUTCOME.

2. SADAT. PRESS REPORTS THAT SADAT WILL ADDRESS A
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AT 11:00 A.M.
OCTOBER 2, WITH MEMBERS OF ASU CENTRAL COMMITTEE
ATTENDING. SPEECH WILL REPORTEDLY DEAL WITH THE TWO
CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS AND WITH THE NEXT STAGE OF THE
NATIONAL POLITICAL PROGRAM. EGYPTIAN AND FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENTS WILL ATTEND SESSION, WHICH WILL ALSO
COMMEMORATE ANNIVERSARY OF NASSER'S DEATH. (SADAT'S
NOMINATION FOR NOBEL PRIZE BY KISSINGER AND KREISKY
IS ALSO GIVEN PROMINENT PLAY.)

3. TUHAMY RETURNS. DEP PM TUHAMY RETURNED TO CAIRO
FROM GENEVA LAST NIGHT. ACCORDING TO PRESS, TUHAMY
SAID HE MET WITH KING KHALID AND THAT EGYPT AND SAUDI
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ARABIA HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE CONTACTS. TUHAMY SAID
KHALID REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH TUHAMY'S
EXPLANATION OF CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS AND THAT THE
EGYPTIAN AND SAUDI VIEWPOINTS AGREE ON
SEVERAL POINTS (WHICH WERE NOT SPECIFIED). (NOTE:
AMBASSADOR WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH TUHAMY SHORTLY.)

4. U.S.-EGYPTIAN CONTACTS. PRESS REPORTS THAT CARTER
HAS SENT SADAT AN "IMPORTANT MESSAGE", AND THAT AMBAS-
SADOR MET YESTERDAY WITH ACTING FONMIN GHALI. IN THIS
CONNECTION, AHRAM CORRESPONDENT "LEARNED" THAT NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT ON IMPLEMENTING PEACE
AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL WILL
START IN A FEW DAYS. AMBASSADOR IS QUOTED BY PRESS
AS SAYING THAT PLACE OF NEGOTIATIONS HAS NOT BEEN
DECIDED, BUT THAT U.S. WILL PARTICIPATE IN ALL MEETINGS.
HE SAID U.S. IS IN TOUCH WITH BOTH SIDES ON THE ISSUE
OF VENUE. REGARDING LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION, AMBASSADOR
REPORTEDLY SAID NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE, AND
THIS IS FOR PARTIES TO DETERMINE. AMBASSADOR SAID
ISRAELI COMMUNICATORS WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO THURSDAY,
AND DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT SIMILAR

MISSION WILL GO TO ISRAEL FROM EGYPT.

5. AKHBAR PICKS UP AFP REPORT FROM WASHINGTON, SOURCED TO AMERICAN OFFICIAL, THAT U.S. WILL FREEZE ITS PROMISE TO ESTABLISH TWO AIR BASES IN THE NEGEV UNLESS ISRAEL DEFINES ITS POLICY ON SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK AND JORDAN. OFFICIAL BELIEVES THAT DOCUMENT CONTAINING THE ISRAELI POSITION WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON WITHIN FEW DAYS.

6. COMMENTARY. AHRAM, IN EDITORIAL APPARENTLY WRITTEN BEFORE KNESSET VOTE, SAYS KNESSET APPROVAL WILL MEAN CHOOSING PEACE OVER LAND AND CLEAR WAY FOR SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. EDITORIAL ARGUES THAT NOW THAT CAMP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAVID AGREEMENTS HAVE GAINED RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN

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PEOPLE'S LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, IT IS UP TO PALESTINIANS
TO JOIN NEGOTIATIONS OVER TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY IN WEST
BANK AND GAZA. THIS WOULD BE FIRST STEP IN LONG ROAD
TO SELF-DETERMINATION. EDITORIAL FINDS IT "ENCOURAGING"
THAT U.S. WILL HOLD CONTACTS WITH PALESTINIANS. AKHBAR
EDITORIAL DEALS WITH ARAB SOLIDARITY, NOTING THAT "WISE
TALKS" HAVE OCCURRED IN PAST BETWEEN ARAB COUNTRIES
UNDER AUSPICES OF NUMAYRI AND SAUDI ARABIA. EDITORIAL
EXPECTS RABAT, KUWAIT, KHARTOUM, ABU DHABI AND RIYADH
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WILL MAKE JOINT EFFORTS TO PAVE WAY FOR ARAB SOLIDARITY.
EGYPT, EDITORIAL CONCLUDES, DOES NOT REJECT ANY OF
THESE EFFORTS; IT WELCOMES ARAB SUMMIT AND HOPES RE-
JECTIONISTS WILL WAKE UP TO THEIR REAL RESPONSIBILITIES.
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